Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 15 May 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 16 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 14 May 2021 at 17:03

Confidence: High for a very unsettled and showery weekend, with moderate confidence in the details of showers and their intensities. Moderate confidence that showers will become less heavy and frequent through next week, however it is likely to remain on the cool side for the time of year.

Headline for Saturday 15 May 2021: Cloudy and damp at first. Brightening up with scattered heavy and thundery showers developing and brief bursts of sunshine in-between.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 15 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Drizzle	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Thundery showers	Thundery showers	Heavy rain showers
Precipitation probability							
40%	>95%	70%	40%	80%	80%	70%	60%

Forecast for Saturday 15 May 2021

Weather: Wet through the early hours with persistent rain arriving, turning showery later. Saturday will dawn overcast and damp in places with showery bursts of rain and drizzle at first. Skies brightening during the morning but heavy showers soon forming. The rest of the day will be a mixture of heavy and at times, thundery showers and brief sunny intervals. Some torrential downpours and hail are likely in places.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: 30% at first rising to 70% by midday.

Visibility: A layer of cloud above 600m during at first with ragged patches around 350m. This will give very poor visibilities on the higher level routes and make navigation challenging on unfamiliar terrain. Visibilities on the valley floor generally moderate to good but occasional reductions during periods of rain. A marked improvement is likely after mid-morning as cloud bases lift to 800m or higher and become more broken. Most summits will intermittently clear of cloud during the afternoon, however there will remain patches of cloud around 700m during the showers. Sudden reductions in visibility will occur in the showers and thunderstorms, with a chance of brief bursts of hail.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	14/18 S	18/24 SE	14/20 SE	11/16 S	12/18 S	18/26 W	17/25 W	14/20 SW	14/21 SW
300	6/14 S	8/19 SE	9/19 SE	8/15 S	8/16 SW	13/25 SW	11/22 W	8/18 SW	9/19 SW
Valley	3/9 SE	6/16 E	6/15 SE	6/14 SW	8/17 SW	12/25 W	9/20 W	7/18 SW	8/19 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	5/1	4/-1	5/1	6/3	7/4	7/3	6/2	6/2	6/1
300	7/6	6/4	7/4	9/7	10/8	10/8	9/6	8/5	8/5
Valley	8/7	7/5	7/6	10/9	11/9	11/9	10/8	8/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	1200m	1300m	1400m	1300m	1400m	1500m	1400m	1400m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

From late-morning showers are expected to quickly form in the Brecon Beacons areas, and there's a risk of thunder and lightning occurring without much notice. Large hail is possible in the heaviest of the showers. Winds increasing, particularly on the summits later, making it feel unseasonably cold.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
14:00 on Fri 14 May 2021	14.6mm	34.6mm	38.4mm

Forecast for Sunday 16 May 2021

Weather: Mostly cloudy with showery rain during the overnight hours and this persisting into Sunday morning. Brightening up with sunny intervals developing from mid-morning. Showers once again forming and these turning increasingly heavy by the afternoon. The showers will be slow-moving with a risk of hail and thunder, with the best of any drier and sunnier spells during the evening.

Maximum wind: South-westerly 20 mph gusting 30 mph at first, becoming westerly 10-15 mph during the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: 30% becoming 60% by midday.

Visibility: Locally poor during the early hours and through the first part of the morning with periods of cloud above 500m and shreds of cloud down to 350m at times. Improving to become generally very good at most levels by midday with broken layers of cloud above 700m. Some breaks through the afternoon will mean summits intermittently clear, however cloud will descent to 700m during the showers. Distant hills will be visible at times during the afternoon with excellent air clarity – however sudden deteriorations in visibility during showers and abruptly very poor in any bursts of hail.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 6 Celsius rising to plus 15 Celsius
At 600m: Generally around plus 6 Celsius, briefly plus 9 Celsius mid-afternoon
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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